

## **Canton Bend Mission, Camden, Ala.**

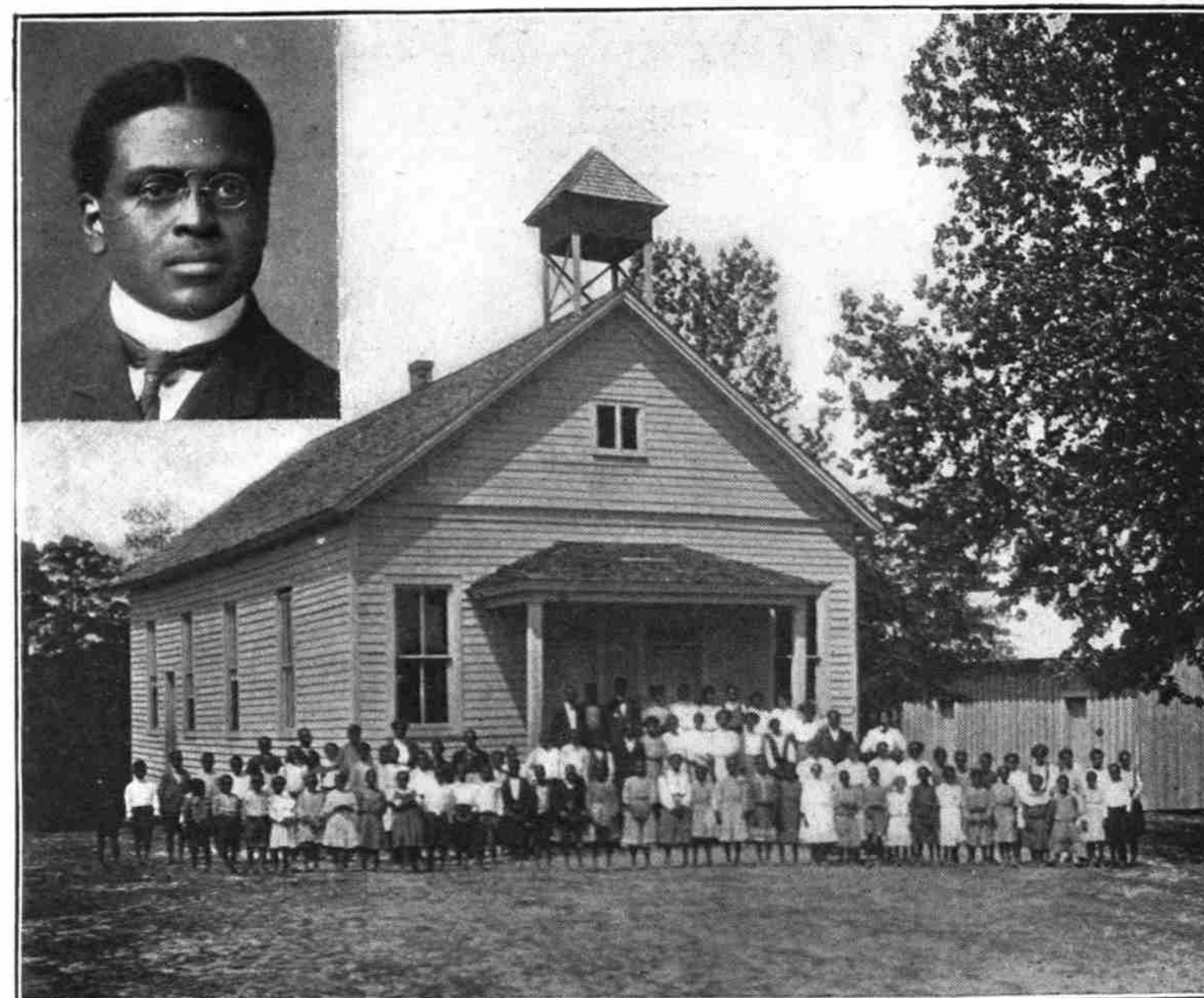
**C**ANTON BEND MISSION SCHOOL was founded February 6, 1896, by the Freedmen's Board of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. It is situated near the central part of Wilcox County, four miles northwest of Camden, Ala., the county seat.

Here there are a great number of colored people for whom there were no opportunities for obtaining a Christian education.

During the thirteen years of its existence the school has been steadily growing. In the year 1908-9, there were enrolled 154 pupils. At the end of this year there were three teachers, including the principal, two literary teachers, and one sewing teacher.

"We give to our pupils a grammar-school education, and a thorough knowledge of plain sewing.

"We lay much stress on Bible work. The Bible is taken as a text-book and is given one period a day for its study.



**T. M. ELLIOTT, PRINCIPAL**

**SCHOOL BUILDING  
CANTON BEND MISSION, CAMDEN, ALA.**

## **Midway Mission, Prairie, Ala.** **T. P. Marsh, Principal**

MIDWAY MISSION was founded in 1901. There were 3 teachers and 120 students in 1908. The approximate annual expenses are \$1,080, which is given by the Freedmen's Mission Board of the United Presbyterian Church. A daily recitation in the Bible is required throughout the course. Students thus gain a fair knowledge of both the Old and New Testaments. Various young people's societies hold meetings on the Sabbath, in which all have an opportunity to study a portion of God's Word. Older and younger pupils alike take active part in the midweek prayer meeting. No pains are spared in teaching the one thing needful.

## **Bluestone Mission, Jeffress, Va.**

BLUESTONE MISSION was founded in 1880. R. P. Williams, B.A., is principal. In 1908 there were 3 teachers and 125 scholars, 61 boys and 64 girls. There are three departments, primary, grammar, and sewing. The annual expenses of the

school are about \$1,200, contributed by the Freedmen's Board of the United Presbyterian Church.

A Bible lesson is taught each day in each department. This school is located in Mecklenburg County, southern Virginia, about twelve miles from any other school for colored children.

## **Prairie Institute, Prairie, Ala.** **J. N. Colton, President**

ONE of the schools of the United Presbyterian Church. Founded in 1894. The plant consists of a large farm, the school building, which also serves as a church, and is known as the Jennie Hastings-Gillespie Memorial, so called in honor of the first secretary of the Junior Missionary Societies of the Church, the teachers' home, and a dormitory made from an old church that stood on the ground. In 1908 there were 7 teachers and 216 students enrolled. The annual expenses, \$3,000, are paid by the Board of Freedmen's Missions of the church. President J. N. Colton says: "We have Bible study each day in the day school. There are few students over ten years of age in this school who have not accepted Christ."